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AIR FREIGHT UP 13.5% IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 8, 1988 -- Air freight traffic increased 13.5 percent in October, compared with October a year ago, and was up 16.7 percent for the first ten months of this year for the 22 air carriers reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in October rose 6.6 percent. Mail declined 2.4 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a gain of 4.7 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in October was up 21.1 percent. Mail increased 4.7 percent, and total cargo rose 19.6 percent.

In the first ten months of the year, domestic air freight had a gain of 13.1 percent. Mail increased 2.6 percent, and total cargo was up 10.7 percent.

International air freight in the first ten months rose 20.9 percent. Mail was up 3.3 percent, and total cargo increased 19.2 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
OCTOBER 1988	437,444	107,291	544,735	448,643	38,440	487,083	886,087	1,031,818
OCTOBER 1987	410,522	109,877	520,399	370,479	36,723	407,202	781,001	927,601
PERCENT CHANGE	6.6	(2.4)	4.7	21.1	4.7	19.6	13.5	11.2
10 MONTHS 1988	3,982,561	1,052,381	5,034,942	3,703,922	348,008	4,051,930	7,686,483	9,086,872
10 MONTHS 1987	3,522,158	1,025,634	4,547,792	3,063,038	336,953	3,399,991	6,585,196	7,947,783
PERCENT CHANGE	13.1	2.6	10.7	20.9	3.3	19.2	16.7	14.3

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.